

Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-12 as presented in the underlying International Application No. PCT/EP2004/010334.

Please add new claims 13-31 as indicated in the listing of claims below.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-12 (canceled)

Claim 13 (new): A method for operating a filter, the method comprising:

forcibly passing a stream of a fluid through a filter wall of the filter from a raw gas side to a clean gas side of the filter so as to separate out particles and particle constituents from the stream, wherein the particles and particle constituents are collected by the filter wall on the raw gas side; and

performing a regeneration process on the filter during operation of the filter, wherein the regeneration process includes removing particles and particle constituents from the raw gas side of the filter and moving the removed particle constituents to a receiving device disposed on the raw gas side.

Claim 14 (new): The method as recited in claim 13, wherein the particles include soot and the particle constituents includes ashes.

Claim 15 (new): The method as recited in claim 13, wherein the regeneration process is performed continuously during operation of the filter.

Claim 16 (new): The method as recited in claim 13, wherein the moving of the particle constituents is performed continuously during operation of the filter.

Claim 17 (new): The method as recited in claim 13, wherein the fluid is a gas.

Claim 18 (new): The method as recited in claim 13, wherein the filter is a particle filter for an internal combustion engine.

Claim 19 (new): A method for operating a filter, the method comprising:

forcibly passing a stream of a fluid through a filter wall of the filter from a raw gas side to a clean gas side of the filter so as to separate out particles and particle constituents from the stream, wherein the particles and particle constituents are collected on the raw gas side; and

performing a regeneration process on the filter during operation of the filter, wherein the regeneration process includes removing particles and particle constituents from the raw gas side of the filter and disposing of the removed particle constituents,

wherein the filter walls includes a plurality of channels on the raw gas side, each channel closed by a closure wall configured to be partially opened to enable the disposing of the particle constituents.

Claim 20 (new): The method as recited in claim 13, wherein that the fluid stream is imparted with a pulsating flow.

Claim 21 (new): The method as recited in claim 13, further comprising feeding a pressurized medium into the filter on the raw gas side.

Claim 22 (new): The method as recited in claim 21, wherein the pressurized medium is pressurized air.

Claim 23 (new): The method as recited in claim 13, wherein the fluid stream flows through the receiving device.

Claim 24 (new): The method as recited in claim 13, wherein the receiving device includes a regenerable filter surface.

Claim 25 (new): The method as recited in claim 13, wherein the receiving device includes a flow outlet leading out of the receiving device and connected to the clean gas side.

Claim 26 (new): The method as recited in claim 25, wherein the outlet leading out of the clean gas side of the filter is closable.

Claim 27 (new): The method as recited in claim 13, wherein the regeneration process includes feeding nitrogen dioxide into the filter.

Claim 28 (new): The method as recited in claim 13, wherein the regeneration process is performed thermally.

Claim 29 (new): A filter comprising:

- a filter wall dividing a clean gas side and a raw gas side of the filter and configured to separate out particles and particle constituents from a stream of fluid passing through the wall and to enable the particles and particle constituents to be removed in a regeneration process; and

- a receiving device configured to receive a flow of the fluid therethrough during the regeneration process and to receive and hold the particle constituents, wherein the receiving device is connectable on the raw gas side of the filter wall.

Claim 30 (new): The filter as recited in claim 29, wherein the receiving device is removably connectable to the filter wall.

Claim 31 (new): A filter comprising:

- a filter wall dividing a clean gas side and a raw gas side of the filter and configured to separate out particles and particle constituents from a stream of fluid passing through the wall and to enable the particles and particle constituents to be removed in a regeneration process, wherein the filter wall includes a plurality of channels on the raw gas side, each channel including a closure wall configured to be at least partially opened so as to enable disposal of the particle constituents.